

Town of Alna
Warrant for Annual Town Meeting
March 15 & 16, 2013

To: Kathy O. Rice, Resident of the Town of Alna, County of Lincoln and State of Maine.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Alna, in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Alna Firehouse on Friday the fifteenth day of March, 2013 10:00 a.m., then and there to act on articles one and two and to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the Alna Firehouse on Saturday, the sixteenth day of March at 10:00 a.m. then and there to act on articles three through thirty nine all of said articles being set out below to wit:

Article 1: To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2: Having been duly notified, as above, to elect on the fifteenth day of March 2013 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. in the forenoon and close at 7:00 p.m. in the evening, by secret ballot in accordance with a vote of the Town the following officers:

Second Selectman, also serving as Assessor and Overseer of the poor for a two year term.

Third Selectman, also serving as Assessor and Overseer of the poor for a two year term.

Treasurer, for a one year term.

Road Commissioner, for a one year term.

Article 3: To elect by paper ballot one **Cemetery Trustee** for a term of three years.

Article 4: To elect all other Town Officials or to instruct the Selectmen to appoint the same.

Article 5: To see what method the Town will adopt for the collection of taxes.

Article 6: To see what method the Town will adopt for the collection of back taxes.
The Selectmen recommend the Tax Lien method

Article 7: To see if the Town in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. § 506-A, will vote that a taxpayer who paid an amount in excess of that finally assessed, shall be repaid the amount of the overpayment plus interest from the date of the over-payment at an annual rate of three percent.

Article 8: To see when the Town wishes to have taxes due and payable and at what rate of interest charges will be added to the unpaid taxes.

Note: The selectmen recommend the due date after June 1, 2013 at the Assessors' discretion, seven percent interest commencing forty five days after the date of the tax bill.

Article 9: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed one sixth of the fiscal year 2013 expenditures for all accounts during the period from February 1, 2014 to the March 2014 Annual Town Meeting.

Article 10: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow sums of money in anticipation of taxes, as necessary, for the purpose of paying Town obligations.

Article 11: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell tax acquired property on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quit-claim deeds for such property, giving notice fourteen days before the sale by posting notice in the Lincoln County News, Wiscasset Newspaper, and the usual posting places in Town, except that such posting may be waived when the property is being redeemed by its former owner.

Article 12: Shall the Town increase the property tax levy limit of \$277,591.00 established for the Town by State law, in the event that the municipal budget approved under the following articles results in a tax commitment that is greater than this property tax levy limit.

Article 13: To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to dispose of alewife rights in whatever manner they determine to be in the best interest of the Town for a period of up to five years.

Article 14: To see if the Town will transfer local road assistance payments when received from the State of Maine during fiscal year 2013-2014, from Capitol Highway Accounts to General Highway Account and to authorize the Road Commissioner with the approval of the Selectmen to spend a portion, or the entire sum, as they see fit, on paving or some other capital improvement According to 23 M.R.S.A. § 2701

Article 15: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend grants and other funds received from the State, Federal and private funding sources for a specific purpose and also authorize the Selectmen to accept and expend gifts of money or items, provided the gift or the grant doesn't require a financial match or financial commitment on the Town's part.

Article 16: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Administration Account.

Selectmen recommend

\$30,000.00

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$30,000.00

Article 17: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Salaries. Selectmen recommend discussing the following Town Officials' Salaries for a proposed total of \$64,660.00

Town Officials	2012	2013
Town Clerk and Tax Collector	\$24,645.00	\$24,645.00
Deputy Town Clerk and Tax Collector	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
First Selectman/Assessor	\$6,285.00	\$6,285.00
Second Selectman/Assessor	\$2,105.00	\$2,105.00
Third Selectman/Assessor	\$2,105.00	\$2,105.00
Treasurer	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Deputy Treasurer	\$300.00	\$300.00
Road Commissioner	\$1,235.00	\$1,235.00
Fire Chief	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00
Fire Warden	\$100.00	\$100.00
Assistant Fire Chief	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
Fire Captains (3 @ \$500)	\$750.00	\$1,500.00
First Responders Director	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
EMA Director	\$300.00	\$300.00
Animal Control Officer	\$12.00 per hr.	\$12.00 per hr.
Limited to:	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Code Enforcement Officer & Alternate CEO	\$18.00 per hr.	\$18.00 per hr.
Limited to:	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00
Health Officer	\$125.00	\$125.00
Planning Board Chairman	\$435.00	\$435.00

Planning Board Secretary	\$800.00	\$800.00
Planning Board Members and Alternates	\$15.00 per mtg	\$15.00 per mtg
Limited to:	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00
Poster of Warrants	\$125.00	\$125.00
Elections and Town Meetings	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
	<u>\$60,410.00</u>	<u>\$64,660.00</u>

Article 18: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town's share of Social Security.
Selectmen recommend \$7,000.00

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$6,500.00.

Article 19: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Principal and Interest due on the loan for the addition to the Alna Volunteer Fire Department.
Selectmen recommend \$31,875.00

Principal payment due (September 2013) \$26,250.00
Interest due (March 2014) \$5,625.00

Note: The amount raised in the 2012 fiscal year was \$31,875.00.

Article 20: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Alna Volunteer Fire Department, Fire Department recommends the following for an aggregate total of \$62,721.00

	2012	2013
Volunteer Fire Department Administration	\$36,231.00	\$37,531.00
Fire Fighter Training Pay	\$5,633.00	\$6,644.00
Fire Fighter Call Pay	\$10,665.00	\$7,546.00
Training Tuition and Expenses	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Radios	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
1 Air Pack replacement + spare bottle	<u>\$6,000.00</u>	<u>\$6,000.00</u>
Total	\$63,529.00	\$62,721.00

Article 21: To see if the Town will approve increasing call & training pay for Firefighters to \$12 an hour
Fire Chief recommends a yes vote
Note: Firefighter call & training pay is currently \$11 an hour

Article 22: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the Fire Truck Reserve Account
Fire Chief recommends \$25,000.00
Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$25,000.00

Article 23: To see what sum if any the Town will raise and appropriate for the Sand and Salt Building Reserve Account
Selectmen recommend \$5,000.00
Note: The amount raised last year was \$14,595.67 (transferred from ambulance reserve account)

Article 24: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Re-Evaluation Reserve account
Selectmen recommend \$5,000.00
Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$5,000.00

Article 25: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the General Highway Maintenance Account.
Selectmen and Road Commissioner recommends \$16,000.00
Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$25,000.00.

Article 26: To see if the town will establish an interest-bearing reserve account called the Capital Highways Reserve, to accumulate funds toward necessary future road projects, transfer of any money from the account to an operating account to be decided by a vote of the town.

Selectmen and Road Commissioner recommend transferring \$25,000.00 of road appropriations carryover from 2012

Article 27: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$63,600.00 to be used to pay for 2013 Principal and Interest due on loan for Road Improvement Project

Selectmen and Road Commissioner recommend approval

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$63,600.00

Article 28: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Solid Waste Contract.

Selectmen recommend \$71,036.00

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$71,036.00

Article 29: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Snow Removal Contract.

Selectmen recommend

Snow Removal Contract \$162,895.00

Sand and Salt for Winter Roads \$20,000.00

Total \$182,895.00

Note: the amount raised and appropriated last year was \$192,895.00

Article 30: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Tax Map Account to perform the annual tax map update, the sum of money to be used only for the payment of professional services.

Selectmen recommend \$625.00

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$625.00.

Article 31: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Valuation account to perform the annual valuation update, the sum of money to be used only for the payment of professional services.

Selectmen Recommend \$6,500.00

Note: the amount raised and appropriated last year was \$6,500.00.

Article 32: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the General Assistance account

Selectmen recommend \$2,000.00

Note: Amount raised and appropriated last year was \$3,000.00

Article 33: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Cemetery Account.

Cemetery Trustees and Selectmen recommend \$5,000.00

Note: The Amount raised and appropriated last year was \$4,400.00.

Article 34: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town Buildings Maintenance Account.

Selectmen Recommend \$5,500.00

Note: the amount raised and appropriated last year was \$5,500.00

Article 35: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Committee for Alna History for the purpose of repairing/replacing the Meetinghouse roof.

The Committee for Alna History and Selectmen recommends \$7,000.00

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$700.00.

Article 36: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the restoration projects for the Historic Head Tide Church.

Friends of the Head Tide Church and the Selectmen Recommend

\$200.00

Note: The amount raised and appropriated last year was \$200.00

Article 37: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following organizations:

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Mid Coast Chapter American Red Cross	\$500.00	\$500.00
LCTV	\$1,043.00	\$1,044.00
Wiscasset Public Library	\$5,713.00	\$5,074.00
Spectrum Generations	\$525.00	\$525.00
Miles Health Care Center	\$500.00	\$0.00
Bradford-Sortwell-Wright Legion Post	\$200.00	\$200.00
Mobius	\$260.00	\$0.00
New Hope for Women	\$710.00	\$710.00
Healthy Kids	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00
Coastal Transportation	\$400.00	\$400.00
Lincoln County Animal Shelter (Neuter/Spay Fund)	\$250.00	\$250.00
Mid-Coast Mental Health Center	\$675.00	\$0.00
Midcoast Maine Community Action	\$335.00	\$335.00
Kno-Wal-Lin	\$662.00	\$0.00
Elder Care Network of Lincoln County	\$500.00	\$0.00
Lincoln County Historical Association	\$100.00	\$0.00
Sweetser	\$729.00	\$622.00
Kennebec Valley Mental Health Center	\$200.00	\$200.00
Wiscasset Parks & Recreation Department	\$0.00	\$4,254.00
Wiscasset Ambulance Service	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Total	\$17,602.00	\$18,414.00

Article 38: To see what sum the Town will appropriate from fiscal year 2012 Excise Taxes to reduce the 2013 Tax Rate

Selectmen Recommend

\$80,000.00

Article 39: To see what sum the Town will vote to transfer from fiscal year 2012 surplus to reduce the 2013 Tax Rate.

Selectmen Recommend 80% of the 2012 Surplus

Given under our hands at Alna, Maine this seventh day of March, 2013.

David Abbott

Jonathan Villeneuve

Attested By:

Kathy O. Rice

David Reingardt